



## NIST Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

### Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

### Implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) at NIST

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides a total of \$610 million in funding to NIST. The funding includes:

- \$220 million for NIST laboratory research, measurements, and other services supporting economic growth and U.S. innovation through funding of such items as competitive grants; research fellowships; and advanced measurement equipment and supplies;
- \$360 million to address NIST's backlog of maintenance and renovation projects and for construction of new facilities and laboratories, including \$180 million for a competitive construction grant program for funding research science buildings outside of NIST;
- \$20 million in funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services for standards-related research that supports the security and interoperability of electronic medical records to reduce health care costs and improve the quality of care; and
- \$10 million in funds transferred from the Department of Energy to help develop a comprehensive framework for a nationwide, fully interoperable smart grid for the U.S. electric power system.

For further information see: [questions and answers](#), [news story](#).

### Agency Plans and Reports

#### Major Communications

- [Major Communications, March 3, 2009](#)
- [Major Communications, February 25, 2009](#)

#### Weekly Reports

- [Weekly Report, March 13, 2009](#)
- [Weekly Report, March 9, 2009](#)
- [Weekly Report, February 22, 2009](#) [PDF]

### Learn more about our programs

Links to relevant program area descriptions will be provided in the near future.

### [Legislation](#)

### How to Apply

Applications for funding will be accepted once instructions are posted for specific competitions. Links will be provided here as soon as these details are available.

Central federal government funding Web sites: [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov), [FBO.gov](http://FBO.gov)

**Department of Commerce Recovery Act Information**

**Department of Commerce Office of the Inspector General Web site**

[Link to weekly reports as HTML or RSS-will be provided in the near future]



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